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Each below-named inventor hereby declares and says that:

My residence, post office address and ~~citizenship~~ are as stated below beneath my name; I verily believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or a joint inventor (if plural inventors are named below) of the invention entitled:

**IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS AND EJECTED SHEET STACKING DEVICE FOR USE THEREWITH**

which is described and claimed in the attached application, or Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_ filed \_\_\_\_\_ as amended to date; I have reviewed and ~~understand the~~ contents of the specification and claims with all the abovementioned amendments thereto, if any; I acknowledge my ~~due~~ to disclose information of which I am aware which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with 37 CFR 1.56.

I claim the foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. 119 of foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate(s), filed less than 12 months prior to the filing of the application as follows:

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